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ELLESMERE URBAN AND RURAL DISTRICTS

Chief Public Health Inspector : J. A. DISBURY, Cert.R.S.H.
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WEM URBAN AND RURAL DISTRICTS

Public Health Inspector : W. M. LAMBERTON, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,
Certified Meat and Foods Inspector

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor : T. SPURR, M.R.S.H.,
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Certified Meat and Foods Inspector

Secretary : MISS J. WHEELER

To the Chairmen and Members of the Urban District Councils of Ellesmere, Wem and Whitchurch, and of the Rural District Councils of Ellesmere and Wem.

Following the resignation of your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. C. B. Higgle, in March 1963, the area was left without a Medical Officer for the remainder of the year. The running of the Area was carried out by the Public Health Inspectors with the help of the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. T. Hall.

The report follows the format of the previous annual reports. The first part of the report deals principally with Vital Statistics.

The infantile mortality and perinatal mortality figures are within the National average figures.

There were 402 deaths in the area during 1963, compared with 406 the previous year. Coronary disease and Angina with 58 deaths contribute a high proportion of the total.

7 cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year, an increase on last year.

The second part of the report contains the individual reports on the Sanitary Circumstances of each District Council by their Public Health Inspectors.

These reports show that the staffs of the Health Departments of the Council still carry on the good work of previous years.

The County Council, under the National Health Act, 1946, provide for the Care of Mothers and Young Children ; Midwifery ; Health Visiting ; Home Nursing ; Vaccination and Immunisation ; Ambulance Services ; Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, including Mental Welfare ; and Domestic Help.

These services have in no small way contributed to the well-being of the public. The co-operation between staffs has once again been very welcome and friendly.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

S. SMITH

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1963

The following are the general statistics for the different districts in the area:—

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres	1,220
Population figure given by the Registrar General	2,320
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1963	774
Rateable Value 1st April, 1963	£73,445
Sum represented by a penny rate 1963/64	£293

WEM URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres	903
Population figure given by the Registrar General	2,630
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1963	895
Rateable Value 1st April, 1963	£92,067
Sum represented by a penny rate 1963/64	£357

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres	6,053
Population figure given by the Registrar General	7,160
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1963	2,369
Rateable Value 1st April, 1963	£244,137
Sum represented by a penny rate 1963/64	£972

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres	48,253
Population figure given by the Registrar General	7,630
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1963	2,057
Rateable Value 1st April, 1963	£149,220
Sum represented by a penny rate 1963/64	£590

WEM RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres	60,343
Population figure given by the Registrar General	11,720
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1963	3,309
Rateable Value 1st April, 1963	£262,772
Sum represented by a penny rate 1963/64	£1,239

VITAL STATISTICS

	E/mere U.D.	Wem U.D.	W/church U.D.	E/mere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Live Births—Number	51	39	110	117	213
Rate per 1,000 Population	22.0	14.8	15.4	15.3	18.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	2.0	7.7	.909	5.1	6.6
Stillbirths—Number	3	1	2	1	1
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	55.1	25.0	17.8	8.5	4.7
Total Live and Still Births	54	40	112	118	214
Infant Deaths	1	2	2	0	6
Infant Mortality Rates—					
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	19.6	51.3	18.2	0	28.2
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	20.0	55.5	18.3	0	30.1
Illegitimate Infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	0	0	0	0
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	19.6	25.6	9.1	0	14.1
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	19.6	0	9.1	0	14.1
Perinatal Mortality Rate	78.4	25.6	27.3	0	18.8
Maternal Mortality					
Number of Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	0	0	0	0	0

POPULATION

The excess of births over deaths in the combined districts totalled 128.

Districts	Estimated Mid-Year Population			Difference
	1961	1962	1963	
Ellesmere Urban	2,280	2,290	2,320	+30
Wem Urban.....	2,580	2,600	2,630	+30
Whitchurch Urban	7,090	7,150	7,160	+10
Ellesmere Rural	7,470	7,620	7,630	+10
Wem Rural	12,120	11,720	11,720	—
Total	31,540	31,380	31,460	+80

BIRTHS

(a) Live Births—The Live Birth Rate for England and Wales was 18.2.

Districts	No. of Live Births, 1963			Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Birth Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban	34	17	51	22.0	24.4
Wem Urban	17	22	39	14.8	16.4
Whitchurch Urban	59	51	110	15.4	16.8
Ellesmere Rural	58	59	117	15.3	16.1
Wem Rural	115	98	213	18.2	19.0
Combined Districts	283	247	530	16.8	—

(b) **Still Births**—The number of Stillbirths was lower than 1962. The Still birth rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths for England and Wales was 17.3.

The total number recorded in the combined Districts was 8, giving a Stillbirth rate of 14.9.

Districts	No. of Still-Births		
	1961	1962	1963
Ellesmere Urban	0	1	3
Wem Urban	0	1	1
Whitchurch Urban	2	4	2
Ellesmere Rural	2	3	1
Wem Rural	4	3	1
Total	8	12	8

(c) **Illegitimate Births**—4.7% of all births during the year were illegitimate, compared with 4.4% in 1962 and 4.2% in 1961. 6.9% of all Births in England and Wales were illegitimate during 1963.

Districts	No. of Illegitimate Births		
	1961	1962	1963
Ellesmere Urban	2	2	1
Wem Urban	1	2	3
Whitchurch Urban	6	3	1
Ellesmere Rural	7	6	6
Wem Rural	6	11	14
Total	22	24	25

DEATHS

(a) **All Causes**

The number of deaths registered in the combined Districts during the year was 402, a decrease of 4 on the 1962 figure.

By applying the area comparability factor, the corrected death rates can be compared with the crude death rate for England and Wales, which was 12.2.

Districts	No. of Deaths			Death Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Death Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban	21	14	35	15.1	13.3
Wem Urban	13	13	26	9.9	9.7
Whitchurch Urban	56	64	120	16.8	11.4
Ellesmere Rural	44	27	71	9.3	10.2
Wem Rural	88	62	150	12.8	14.1
Total	222	180	402	12.8	—

(b) **Infant Mortality**

There were 11 deaths in the first year of life, this being 1 higher than the total of 10 for the previous year.

The infantile mortality rate for the combined Districts was 20.7 per 1,000 Live Births. The Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales was 20.9 per 1,000 Live Births.

(c) **Maternal Mortality**

No deaths attributable to childbirth, pregnancy, or abortion have been recorded during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—	—	1	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	—	4	4	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	—	—	3	1	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	—	2	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	—	—	—	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	2	12	6	15
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	—	—	—	—
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	10	8	21	14	25
Coronary disease, angina	10	2	13	16	17
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	1	—	2
Other heart disease	3	5	24	10	22
Other circulatory disease	—	—	4	2	13
Influenza	—	—	1	3	—
Pneumonia	—	—	3	—	7
Bronchitis	2	—	3	1	5
Other diseases of the Respiratory system	—	1	—	1	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	—	1	5	2	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	—	—	1	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	—	1	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	1	—	—	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	—	2	—	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	3	2	18	4	16
Motor vehicle accidents	—	1	—	3	2
All other accidents	—	1	2	2	7
Suicide	—	—	2	1	1
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	—	—
All causes	35	26	120	71	150

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Notifiable Disease	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.	Total
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	1	7	8
Measles	1	43	94	27	119	284
Pneumonia	—	2	2	1	2	7
Scarlet Fever	—	1	6	9	16	32
Dysentery	—	—	—	2	—	2
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlatina	—	—	5	—	3	8
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	2	1	1	—	1	5
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	2	2
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	2	3
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN ANIMALS

Dysentery—Several cases of Dysentery occurring in animals were notified to the M.O.H., in order that a watch could be kept on all human contacts. Although bacteria were recovered from the stools of human contacts in some instances, fortunately they never developed symptoms.

Lecture—During the year the Medical Officer of Health lectured to the students of Shropshire Farm Institute, at Walford, Baschurch, on the relation-ship between diseases in humans and animals.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Vaccination against Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox and Tuberculosis, as well as Immunisation against Diphtheria and Tetanus were carried out by General Practitioners, and by Clinic Doctors working in Local Health Authority Clinic and Schools in the area.

The County Medical Officer of Health has kindly supplied the numbers of each carried out in the various districts.

During the year, Quadruple vaccine (against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and polio) was available on prescription and was used by a few General Practitioners. Triple Antigen and Oral polio vaccine continued to be the most popular methods of immunising babies.

Figures inserted in brackets give 1962 totals for purposes of comparison.

PRIMARY VACCINATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[13] 9	[16] 33	[1] 1	[27] 31	[10] 6
General Practitioners	[31] 40	[96] 99	[51] 43	[98] 119	[62] 71
TOTALS	[44] 49	[112] 132	[52] 44	[125] 150	[72] 77

PRIMARY IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[24] 9	[29] 37	[2] 2	[32] 38	[14] 7
General Practitioners	[31] 40	[123] 155	[59] 44	[107] 147	[63] 79
TOTALS	[55] 49	[152] 192	[61] 46	[139] 185	[77] 86

RE-IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	[16] 11	[33] 20	[1] 1	[30] 11	[25] 1
General Practitioners	[1] 9	[25] 27	[86] 71	[76] 60	[22] 41
TOTALS	[17] 20	[58] 47	[87] 72	[106] 71	[47] 42

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

Personnel who received three injections of Salk or three doses of Sabin (Oral)
Vaccine, or four injections of Quadrilin

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	(77) 29	(215) 38	(36) 8	(256) 79	(130) 12
General Practitioners	(90) 34	(196) 310	(119) 48	(244) 88	(221) 47
TOTALS	(167) 63	(411) 348	(155) 56	(500) 167	(351) 59

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

Personnel who received four injections of Salk or
fourth doses of Sabin (Oral) Vaccine

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	(38) 28	(86) 105	(46) 11	(75) 107	(42) 39
General Practitioners	(8) 1	(23) 25	(16) 12	(30) 21	(21) 44
TOTALS	(46) 29	(109) 130	(62) 23	(105) 128	(63) 83

PRIMARY VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	[86] 9	[93] 13	[-] -	[34] 23	[119] 3
General Practitioners	[103] 12	[343] 24	[139] 29	[296] 40	[226] 24
TOTALS	[189] 21	[436] 37	[139] 29	[330] 63	[345] 27

RE-VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	(109) 4	(103) 26	(13) 1	(53) 3	(25) -
General Practitioners	(237) 1	(467) 22	(289) 13	(522) 9	(495) 6
TOTALS	(346) 5	(570) 48	(302) 14	(575) 12	(520) 6

IMMUNISATION AGAINST TETANUS

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	[46] 13	[56] 66	[6] 2	[43] 44	[24] 7
General Practitioners	[100] 40	[71] 173	[59] 44	[116] 151	[73] 87
TOTALS	[146] 53	[127] 239	[65] 46	[159] 195	[97] 94

RE-IMMUNISATION AGAINST TETANUS

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	(11) 5	(24) 11	(1) 1	(18) 9	(20) 1
General Practitioners	(12) 8	(29) 35	(85) 71	(73) 62	(22) 34
TOTALS	(23) 13	(53) 46	(86) 72	(91) 71	(42) 35

VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS—B.C.G.

From September 1959 the Ministry of Health indicated that personnel in the 13–18 year groups were eligible for B.C.G. vaccination. The figures given below, for the year 1963, include those dealt with in that age group, together with those of the 13 year olds. The work was done by School Medical Officers at maintained and independent Schools in the area.

Comparative figures for 1962 are given in brackets.

Schools of the Undermentioned Areas	Number given Mantoux Test	Number of Positive Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Negative Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Persons who received B.C.G.
Ellesmere Urban and Ellesmere Rural	(165) 200	(31) 31	(123) 164	(121) 160
Wem Urban and Wem Rural	(144) 123	(21) 12	(111) 107	(110) 105
Whitchurch Urban	(137) 97	(16) 12	(113) 78	(108) 75

YELLOW FEVER

During the year 1960, the County Health Department, Shrewsbury, became a recognised centre for the administration of Yellow Fever vaccine. Sessions are normally held at 3.00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays in the month, or by special appointment in emergency. A fee of 14/- is charged to each person vaccinated.

CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Physician attends at—

Whitchurch, Welfare Clinic, Deermoss Lane, the first Friday in each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Copthorne Hospital every Tuesday from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Facilities for Treatment—Clinics.

Shrewsbury, No. 1, Belmont. MEN : Tuesdays and Fridays, 6.0 to 8.0 p.m.

WOMEN : Mondays, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Thursdays, 5.0 to 7.0 p.m.

HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS

Deermoss Hospital, Whitchurch.
Ellesmere Cottage Hospital.
Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

Cases of certain infectious diseases requiring hospital care are dealt with at Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury.

Sick children requiring hospital care used to be accommodated at Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury. Hospital accommodation for sick children is now provided at Copthorne ; and the Monkmoor Hospital is now used for the rehabilitation and care of geriatric patients.

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the districts are:—
The Cross Houses Hospital, Shrewsbury.
The Royal Salop Infirmary.
The Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.
Shelton Hospital, Shrewsbury.
Oswestry and District Hospital.

All these hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

In addition, the Maelor General Hospital and the War Memorial Hospital, both in Wrexham, receive patients from the Northern parts of the districts. These hospitals are administered by the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CLINICS

Under the National Health Service Act of 1946, the Salop County Council, as the Local Health Authority, became responsible for the administration of the following services, amongst others, within the County:—

Care of Mothers and Young Children :

Baschurch — Secondary Modern School

Child Welfare and Immunisation	}	Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Medical Officer in attendance on the first Tuesday in every month.

Ellesmere — Brownlow Road

Ante-Natal Child Welfare and Immunisation	}	Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
		First Tuesday in the month 9.30 a.m. — 12 noon

Medical Officer in attendance first Tuesday in the month for both morning and afternoon sessions, on the third Tuesday afternoon in the month, and on the fifth afternoon in the month when there is a fifth Tuesday.

Shawbury — Parish Hall

Child Welfare and }
 Immunisation }

Tuesdays — 2.00 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Medical Officer in attendance on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Wem — The Shrubbery

Child Welfare and }
 Immunisation }

Thursdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Medical Officer in attendance on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Whitchurch — Deermoss Lane

Ante-Natal

Tuesdays 2.15 p.m. — 4.15 p.m.

Midwife and Health Visitor in attendance.

Child Welfare and }
 Immunisation }

Thursdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Medical Officer in attendance on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Salop County Council, as the Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act, make provisions for securing that ambulances and other means of transport are available, where necessary, for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness and expectant or nursing mothers from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

The Whitchurch District Council afford valued help to the County Council in facilitating and administering the local Ambulance Depot there.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, the Director being Dr. Alun Jones. This service, originally instituted as an emergency basis, is now a permanent unit at the Royal Salop Infirmary, undertaking work for Local Authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. This service is invaluable, particularly in the bacteriological examination of food samples in cases of suspected food poisoning.

CHEST CLINICS, ETC.

Chest clinics, speech therapy clinics, and psychiatric out-patients clinics are held regularly at the Whitchurch Clinic. Patients are seen at these sessions by appointment, and are referred by the general practitioner, the hospital consultant or the school medical officer, as the case may be.

DENTAL SESSIONS

Dental sessions are held regularly at each of the three Local Authority clinics, at Ellesmere, Wem and Whitchurch, where patients are seen by appointment with the dental officer.

Ellesmere	.....	Brownlow Road
Wem	.....	The Shrubbery
Whitchurch	.....	Deermoss Lane

WELFARE FOODS

Each of the Local Authority clinics is open at set times for the sale of these foods. Mothers attending the clinics are informed of these times and of any local variations there may be.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

SECTION 47

There was no need for compulsory removal of any of the cases investigated during the year.

DISABLED PERSONS EMPLOYMENT ACT, 1944

Several children leaving school were referred by the School Medical Officers for appropriate training.

TRAINING CENTRES FOR SEVERELY SUB-NORMAL CHILDREN

Classes for severely sub-normal children continued to be held on two days per week at Whitchurch Child Welfare Centre and on one day a week at Wem Clinic, up to five children attending each centre under the charge of Mrs. Haughton.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

During 1963 the Medical Officer of Health made several dozen such examinations on behalf of the various district Councils. Some relatively trivial abnormalities, e.g. eye defects, were discovered.

MINIATURE MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

The regular visit of the Unit to Whitchurch was continued on the first Friday in every month. Attendances at all sessions were uniformly good. In addition, the Unit visited Wem. Several cases of pulmonary and cardiac disease previously unknown were brought to light.

DOMICILIARY HEALTH SERVICES

During 1963, 39 Home Helps were employed in the N.W. combined districts. They provided an invaluable service by enabling patients to remain at home during times of pregnancy and illness, and also by caring for the disabled and aged infirm.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Blood donor sessions continued at Whitchurch, Wem, Ellesmere and Shawbury. Attendances increased in all areas.

HEALTH EDUCATION

This is a continuous function of the Department. Posters regarding health matters are continuously displayed in the five districts, and positive efforts are being made by talks, demonstrations, etc. at clinics and other places in the districts. All five districts now subscribe independently to the Central Council for Health Education, which gives valuable help with health propaganda.

INFANT MORTALITY

DISTRICT	Under 1 day		1-7 days		7 days to 1 month		1-3 months		3-6 months		6-9 months		9-12 months		Total		Combined Total	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
ELLESMERE	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	19.6
U.D. ..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	51.3
WEM U.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WHITCHURCH	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	18.2
U.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5	25.0
ELLESMERE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R.D. ..	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	28.2
WEM R.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	18.2

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Districts				Deaths of infants under 1 month	Total infant deaths	Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	1	1	19.6
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	1	2	25.6
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	1	2	9.1
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	3	5	15.0
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	0	0	0
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	3	6	14.1
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	3	6	9.1

CANCER

Districts				Deaths		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
				M	F		
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	3	2	5	2.2
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	1	1	2	0.76
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	9	12	21	2.9
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	13	15	28	2.3
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	7	4	11	1.4
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	22	9	31	2.6
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	29	13	42	2.2

TUBERCULOSIS
ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1963

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	2	—	—	—	2	—
Service Cases ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	..	..	2	—	—	—	2	—
Cured ..	..	..	—	1	—	—	—	1
Left District ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths ..	..	..	1	—	—	—	1	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1963:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
5	3	1	1	6	4

Number of Primary Notifications in 1963—TWO.

WEM URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1963

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	1	—	—	—	1	—
Service Cases ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	..	..	1	—	—	—	1	—
Cured ..	..	..	—	—	—	1	—	1
Left District ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1963:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
7	5	1	1	8	6

Number of Primary Notifications in 1963—ONE

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1963

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	1	—	—	—	1	—
Service Cases ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers ..	..	..	1	1	—	1	1	2
TOTALS ..	..	..	2	1	—	1	2	2
Cured ..	..	..	1	2	—	2	1	4
Left District ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1963:

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
21	15	11	3	32	18

Number of Primary Notifications in 1963—.ONE

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1963

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
TOTALS ..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Cured ..	..	..	2	1	2	2	4	3
Left District ..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Deaths ..	..	..	1	-	1	-	2	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1963:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
12	6	3	2	15	8

Number of Primary Notifications in 1963— NONE.

WEM RURAL DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1963

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	1	-	1	1	2	1
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ..	..	..	1	-	1	1	2	1
Cured ..	..	..	2	1	2	1	4	2
Left District ..	..	..	-	2	-	-	-	2
Deaths ..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1963:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
18	12	7	4	25	16

Number of Primary Notifications in 1963—THREE.

TUBERCULOSIS
TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE COMBINED DISTRICTS
FOR THE YEAR

	Respiratory		Total	Non-respiratory		Total	Total of all Notifications
	M.	F.		M.	F.		
Ellesmere U.D. ..	2	-	2	-	-	-	2
Wem U.D. ..	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Whitchurch U.D. ..	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS ..	4	-	4	-	-	-	4
Ellesmere R.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wem R.D. ..	1	-	1	1	1	2	3
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS ..	1	-	1	1	1	2	3

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1963

Water Supply

The Urban District takes a bulk supply of chlorinated water from the Liverpool Corporation's Vyrnwy Aqueduct. All properties within the area are on this mains supply and supplies are afforded to the surrounding Rural District in various places. Samples taken during the year have all been of high quality and no problems have arisen in either quality or quantity of water.

No cases have occurred necessitating any precautions against plumbo solvency.

Amount consumed by Urban District	49,673,000
Number of domestic premises in District	803
Number of domestic premises supplied direct from mains	803
Number of houses supplied by standpipe	0

There are no Reservoirs in the District, all water being supplied direct to consumers under mains pressure. No further treatment is given.

Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The major part of the town is sewered on a partially separate system to the Wharf Meadow sewage works where it is first received at the pumping station and after screening and passing through detritus tanks is delivered into compressed air ejectors and delivered to the final purification and disposal section of the works.

The Elson area of the town, part of Trimpley, also the greater part of the Council Housing Estates are sewered on a combined system discharging into the Old Newnes Brook Works, which is a gravity flow system, no pumping being involved, whilst part of the Council Housing Estates discharge on a partially separate system to the Newnes Brook Works where the settled effluents are raised by pumping before discharging on to the filters. The Council has under discussion a scheme for terminating both the Newnes Brook Works as sewage disposal stations in which these stations would be combined as a pumping station to deliver the sewage to the Wharf Meadow Disposal Station for final disposal, thereby reducing the present three disposal works to one.

The Mereside area, which is below the Town main sewer level is sewered to the Mereside No. 1 and Mereside No. 2 pumping stations, the soil sewage being delivered to the Church Street sewer on the main sewer system discharging to the Wharf Works.

A small area in the Swan Hill part of the town which is below the level of the main sewer is also under consideration for the installation of a collecting and pumping station similar to the Mereside No. 2 sewage receiving and pumping station which will, if installed, deliver to the Wharf Works.

There are still many houses in the town with no mechanical means of flushing their water closets.

Public Conveniences

Public Conveniences for both sexes are situated in the town at the sites listed below :

Cross Street	Both sexes
Mereside	Both sexes
Cremorne Gardens	Both sexes
Cremorne Children's Playground	Both sexes (children only)

Disinfections and Disinfestations

Council Tips are regularly treated for flies, crickets and similar insect pests.

Stock vehicles using the Smithfield are required to wash and disinfect under Council Staff supervision, and routine cleansing and disinfecting are carried out at the Smithfield and Mortuary.

Housing

Number of new houses built (Council)	0
Number of new houses built (Private)	23
Number of Improvement Grant Applications received	1
Number of Improvement Grant Applications granted	1
Number of Improvement Grant Applications refused	0
Number of Improvement Grant Applications completed	1
Number of houses reported unfit for human habitation	3
Number of unfit houses empty	2
Number of unfit houses demolished	2
Number of families remaining to be re-housed	103
Number of houses reported for minor defects	0
Number of houses with minor defects remedied	6
Number of houses reported for being dirty	0
Number of houses reported for being verminous	0

During 1964 a start will be made on erecting 50 Council Houses on the Cattis Lane site and when completed it is intended to re-house the occupiers of many of the unfit houses in the town.

Very few owners of houses lacking in amenities have applied for improvement grants.

Meat and Food Preparing Premises

There are no slaughterhouses or knackers yards within the Urban District.

All meat and offals are distributed from central slaughtering and meat depots to the shops in metal lined closed vans capable of being thoroughly cleansed and sterilized and kept closed during transit. All offals are transported in metal containers. The personnel employed in the distribution of the meat and offals wear waterproof aprons, overalls and caps.

A considerable increase in Food Hygiene Standards has been attained this year and many improvements and alterations are in hand at present.

Food Shops

These premises also are in process of improvement and alteration and standards will rise accordingly.

Food Preparing Premises

Number of Food Preparing Premises	31
Number of Inspections	60

Other Food Premises

Number of premises	32
Number of inspections	79

Condemned Foods

Foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human food and which had been surrendered for destruction were as follows :

Canned Meats	50lb.
Canned Fruit	38lb.
Various Canned Foodstuffs	23lb.
Fish	21lb.

Numerous items of packaged foods were also surrendered and destroyed during the year.

Mortuary

This building is entirely under the control of the Urban Council. It is situate within the curtilage of the local Police station at The Limes, Willow Street.

The conditions of use remain unchanged, Urban residents having the free use of the service when required, a charge being made to all other users. Routine cleansing and disinfections are regularly carried out, as well as after each occasion when the building has been in use.

The building has been used on 3 occasions.

Pests Acts

The duties are carried out by Council Staff who treat all Council properties and sewers as routine. Domestic premises are treated free and business premises are charged for treatments.

Number of premises found infested with rats	18
Number of premises found infested with mice	0
Number of visits and revisits	143
Number of domestic premises treated free	9
There are very few rats in the Council's sewers and on the refuse tips.	

Refuse Collection and Salvage

The service is satisfactorily carried out by a contractor who makes a fortnightly collection over the whole district. A weekly collection would be more desirable.

Waste paper is collected, baled and sold, although prices at present are not economic.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

URBAN DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	18	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	3	3	—	—
TOTAL ..	18	21	3	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	1	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	7	4	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	1	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	9	4	—	—	—

WEM URBAN DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT
1963

Water Supply

Water for domestic and trade purposes is supplied from the waterworks at Preston Brockhurst. On April 1st, 1963, the works were taken over from the Wem Urban District by the East Shropshire Water Board. The supply area covers the whole Urban District plus portions of the Wem Rural District.

All samples taken for bacteriological analysis during the year proved to be "Highly Satisfactory." The supply is ample in quantity.

The number of dwellings supplied direct from the mains is	925
(a) direct to houses	907
(b) by standpipes	18
The number of population supplied by water mains is	2,660
(a) direct to houses	2,623
(b) by standpipes	37

Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the Urban district. A bacteriological sample taken from the Wem Grammar School open-air pool proved to be "Highly Satisfactory."

Housing

During the year five houses were closed and two Demolition Orders were made. One property was demolished. A housing estate of 20 flats is to be built by the Council in 1964. 19 houses were built during the year by private enterprise and 29 are in process of erection. 3 Improvement Grants were made.

Drainage and Sewerage

The district is adequately sewered, except for one outlying section. A scheme to extend the sewer to drain a further 15 properties was completed during 1963. The sewage works, completed in 1960, is one of the most modern in the country.

Number of houses connected to public sewers	887
Number of houses with private sewage disposal arrangements	23
Number of houses without a water closet	15

Public Conveniences

There are four Public Conveniences in the district, located in the Market Hall and on the Recreation Ground.

Moveable Dwellings

Three inspections were made of the two licensed caravan sites in the area.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Food Premises

Bakers	5
Butchers	5
Cafés and Restaurants	4
Dairies	1
Fried Fish Shops	2
Fishmongers	1
Grocers	15
Sweet Shops	6

118 visits were made to food premises during 1963.

Ice Cream

All ice-cream dealers serve pre-packed ice cream.

Disposal of Condemned Food

The unfit food voluntarily surrendered during the year was disposed of at the refuse tip.

Tins	Tubes	Home Killed Beef	Cartons
Meat 31lbs. 3oz.	Smoke Salmon 12	10lbs.	Mushroom Paste
Fruit 20lbs. 6oz.			3½oz.
Cream 10oz.			
Fish 7oz.			
Milk 14½oz.			
Rice 15½oz.			

Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspection

The only slaughterhouse in the district is seldom used. Only seven pigs were killed in 1963, and there were no condemnations.

4 slaughtermen were licensed by the Council, and 32 visits were made to the slaughterhouse and five butchers shops in the area.

Infectious Diseases

2 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases.

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning were notified during 1963.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Collection and disposal of refuse is carried out by direct labour. The increase in number of dwelling houses in the Urban District has made it difficult to maintain a weekly collection, and the Council were forced to abandon the free removal of "trade refuse" during the year. A larger vehicle with a compression device was purchased in the late summer.

The refuse is now tipped at a site near Palms Hill, which is more convenient than the disused quarry at Grinshill, previously in regular use.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Inspections of premises under this act were carried out as follows :

Number of properties inspected	82
(a) Council properties	26
(b) Dwelling houses	37

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949—Continued

(c) Agricultural premises	1
(d) Other premises, including business and industrial	18
Number of properties found to be infested with rats (including Council property)	31
Number of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act	0
Number of properties cleared of rats (including Council property)	21
Number of premises where rodent control was in progress by occupiers at the end of the year	10

Nuisances

29 visits were made regarding drainage problems, smoke nuisances and the keeping of animals.

Verminous Premises

3 houses which were found to be verminous were disinfested.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

There is one licensed Pet Shop in the district ; one inspection was made.

During the weeks when I was on holiday and at the Public Health Inspectors' Conference, my duties were carried out by Mr. W. H. Purslow, retired Chief Public Health Inspector of Atcham Rural District Council, and I am most grateful to him for his assistance.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1961

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(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	33	21	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	6	4	—	—
TOTAL ..	42	26	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	1	—	—	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	2	1	—	1	—

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1963
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS AND
OF NOTICES SERVED DURING 1963

NATURE of INSPECTION	No. of visits
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General Sanitation :

Water supply and sampling	2
Drainage	33
Tents, vans and sheds	6
Factories	18
Theatres and other places of entertainment	2
Refuse collection and disposal	23
Rodent control	15
Pet Shops	5
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	64

Under Public Health Act, 1936 :

Number of houses inspected	42
Number of re-visits	67

Under Housing and Rent Acts :

Number of houses inspected	19
Number of re-visits	11

Under the Clean Air Act, 1956 :

Number of premises visited	10
Number of smoke observations made	2

Council Houses :

Number of visits	90
Number of Council House applicants visited	62

Infectious Diseases :

Enquiries	11
Visits	11
Disinfections	—

Meat and Food Inspection and Food Premises :

Inspection of meat at Slaughterhouse	323
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Premises Inspected :

Butchers, shops and stalls	31
Fishmongers and Poulterers	12
Grocers	72
Greengrocers	9
Ice Cream Premises	34
Restaurants and Dining Rooms	18
Fried Fish Shops	13
Bakehouses	21
Weekly produce market	31

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S NOTICES SERVED**Under Public Health Act, 1936 :**

Informal Notices served	23
Complied	23
Formal Notices served	—

Under Food and Drugs Act, 1955—Section 13 :

Informal Notices served	17
Complied	17

RAINFALL

The total rainfall for the year was 22.90 inches as compared with 24.90 inches for 1962, as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch.

The wettest month was November with 4.65 inches and the driest month was December with 0.30 inches. The maximum rainfall in 24 hours was 0.84 inches on 25th November, 1963.

TEMPERATURE

The average temperatures for the year in degrees fahrenheit as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch, were as follows :

	1961	1962	1963
January	36.5	38.0	25.5
February	43.5	40.5	30.5
March	40.2	36.5	43.0
April	45.0	45.0	47.5
May	49.5	50.5	52.0
June	54.0	57.0	58.5
July	60.5	60.0	59.5
August	60.3	57.5	57.5
September	58.0	54.0	54.5
October	49.5	49.5	50.5
November	42.5	42.0	44.5
December	34.5	34.0	36.0
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Average temperature for the year	47.9	47.0	46.6

The maximum temperature recorded was 83 deg. F., 28.2 deg. C., on the 12th June and 30th July, and the minimum was 2 deg. F., —16.6 deg. C., on the 22nd and 23rd January.

WATER SUPPLY

The water consumed during the year amounted to 148,199,721 gallons, or an average of 406,027 gallons per day.

The Water Undertaking was taken over by the East Shropshire Water Board in April.

SWIMMING BATH

The Swimming Bath has now been modernised and complete decoration was effected ready for the 1964 season.

The water from the town mains is treated by filtration and chlorination and the turnover period is 4½ hours.

The attendances showed a slight decrease over 1962 and the Schools of Shropshire and Cheshire are utilising the facilities.

The attendances during 1963 were 31,968 as against 1962 of 32,802.

Attendances were as follows :

	1960	1961	1962	1963
Schools	9,515	11,445	18,145	18,481
Slipper Baths	261	269	253	380
Youth Clubs	591	474	252	246
Other attendances	12,939	12,588	14,152	12,561

SEWAGE WORKS

A great deal of research has been carried out by the Surveyor's Department on the flows and strength of effluent from various parts of the town and full particulars have been transmitted to the Consulting Engineers. This work should be completed early 1964, to enable a scheme to be submitted to the Council.

GENERAL DRAINAGE

During the year 14 properties required attention to Drains.

HOUSING

Council-Owned Houses :

Number of houses completed during the year	—
Number of flats completed during the year	4
Number of houses in course of erection at end of year	—
Number of flats in course of erection at end of year	—
The Council now own 782 houses and flats.	

Privately-Owned Houses :

Number of houses completed at end of year	11
Number of houses in course of erection at end of year	13

HOUSING ACT, 1957—SLUM CLEARANCE

Whilst the properties included in the first five year Housing Programme submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government have been inspected, progress has been impeded by the shortage of Council House Dwellings, and although the second five year housing programme has been prepared, further inspections have been deferred on this account. Added to the problem of rehousing displaced persons from condemned properties, the Council also face the increasing task of rehousing the growing number of Council House applicants.

During the year the following number of houses were inspected and closed :

Houses inspected	13
Houses closed	5

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

During the year there were 5 applications received for Standard Grants and 8 Discretionary Grants.

Posters were distributed around the town for exhibition, in order that more prominence may be given to Improvement Grants.

RODENT CONTROL

The following number of Surveys and Treatments were carried out during the year :

	Surveys	Treatments
Council properties	75	45
Business Premises	176	41
Dwelling Houses	48	20

All work to business premises is carried out by contract, and it is pleasing to note that most food premises avail themselves of this service.

In view of the importance of Rodent Control in the Public Health field, and the local authority's duties under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949, more time will be necessary in the near future to be spent on this work.

DISINFESTATION

Several minor infestations of woodworm were treated with an approved insecticide. It is possible that some of the infestations are caused by the purchase of already infested furniture being brought into Council properties, and it is noted that in such properties requiring treatment there has been evidence of woodworm in old second-hand furniture.

DISINFECTION

All books prior to return to the Public Library from households where there had been a case of infectious disease, were disinfected in the fumigator.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse collection has been completely reorganised during the year, and has resulted in a very efficient service. All properties, business and domestic, were circularised regarding the necessity for their co-operation, and it is pleasing to note that everything has gone according to plan. Refuse is now collected on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and a fortnightly collection is made at Grindley Brook, Broughall, Hinton Bank and Redbrook.

The scale of charges for the collection of trade refuse was increased from £1 6s. 0d. to £2 12s. 0d. per dustbin. This charge compares very favourably with the charges in other towns.

Trade premises — Allowed 1 free dustbin.

Trade premises with house — Allowed 2 free dustbins.

Charge per dustbin (in addition
to free dustbin) — £2 12s. 0d. per annum.

All refuse is disposed onto the Tarporley Road Refuse Tip and I am pleased to report that no complaints have been received during the year regarding vermin.

The tip is frequently sprayed with an approved insecticide and constant treatments are carried out for the eradication of rats.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Several repairs have again been necessary during the year following the result of damage arising from vandalism. This is a problem frequently experienced in most towns, more especially where there is no public convenience attendant. It might be worthwhile affixing notices to the walls of both the ladies' and gentlemen's lavatories, giving warning that offenders will be prosecuted.

SALVAGE

During the year 37 tons 17 cwt. 2 qrs. of waste paper were collected. The Council relet their contract to another firm of waste paper marchants at a more favourable price.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Smoke observations have been carried out during the year and one local dairy has carried out the complete renewal and conversion from solid fuel to oil. This has effected considerable improvement and it is hoped in the near future to carry out tests for the emission of sulphur dioxide. The Urban District is fortunate is not having any dense smoke emission but nevertheless it is our objective to minimise any form of smoke pollution.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

This Council is the authority for the enforcement of those provisions of the Act relating to ventilation, temperature, and sanitary accommodation. Informal Notices were served during the year for the compliance of defects relating to these standards and work was carried out without formal action.

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

There are two places of entertainment, and the sanitary accommodation has to be continually observed to maintain the necessary standards. These conveniences are subjected to public abuse.

PETROLEUM ACTS, 1928 and 1936

There are 32 premises licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in this district.

SMITHFIELD

The Smithfield is now used on Fridays only. Auctions are held alternatively by two local Auctioneers. Following markets extensive disinfection is carried out by the Council's workmen, and washing bays are provided and supervised by the Urban Council.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1933 and 1958

Seven persons applied for renewal of their slaughterman's licence.

PUBLIC ABATTOIR

There were no notifiable outbreaks of infectious disease during the year. Every effort is made to ensure the maximum standard of hygiene at this abattoir, one major item requiring attention will be the complete renewal of the drainage system to the small lairages and shippon. The yard to the slaughterhouse was badly affected with frost damage and this will also require renewal.

FOOD PREMISES**FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955**

The standard of hygiene in food shops continues to improve and this is largely due to the structural improvements carried out. The Market, however, gives rise for some concern owing to the restriction of available space, with the consequent danger of contamination to food-stuffs. Several warnings have been given regarding exposed foodstuffs, also to two persons for smoking. The

Health Department is not complacent with the standard of hygiene that has been achieved and continued efforts are being made to attain higher standards.

ICE CREAM

There are 44 food premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream.

FOOD INSPECTION

The following foods were voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption :

10lbs. Pork sausage
9lbs. 7ozs. cooked shoulder Ham
1 tin Ham

INSPECTION OF MEAT

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ..	1,372	1,136	861	7,393	3,922
Number inspected ..	1,372	1,136	861	7,393	3,922
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI:					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	2	21	20	60	74
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	770	1,290	68	898	490
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ..	56.1	113.5	7.8	17.1	12.5
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	—	—	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	41
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	.79
CYSTICERCOSIS ONLY:					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—

39,306 lbs. of meat and 30,775 lbs. of offal were condemned

FACTORIES ACTS, 1961

URBAN DISTRICT OF WHITCHURCH IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	30	4	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	61	26	8	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	68	56	12	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	3	3	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	9	9	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ..	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	13	13	—	—	—

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1963

Water Supplies.

The following extensions have now been completed : New Marton, Platt Bridge, Pentre and Myddle–Harmer Hill Comprehensive Scheme, and during the next two years the mains supplies will be extended in the Northern Scheme to all villages without a mains supply.

The Council's duties as a Water Undertaking will be taken over by the West Shropshire Water Board with effect from 1st April, 1964.

Number of Bacteriological Samples from :

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1. Public Mains Supplies	44	114*
2. Private Mains Supplies	0	0
3. Wells, Streams, Pumps, etc.	3	9
*Mostly from new mains extensions.		

Number of Chemical Samples from :

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1. Public Mains Supplies	2	0
2. Private Mains Supplies	0	0
3. Wells, Streams, Pumps, etc.	0	0

Two samples for flouride content were taken from a public mains supply and the results were “ negligible (less than 0.1). ”

There were no cases in which plumbo solvency occured and no special action was required. Where contamination was found in private water supplies advice was given on the sterilisation of the wells and on protecting supplies from contamination.

Details of Domestic Premises and Population supplied by Public Mains.

(1) Direct to Houses.	Population	
Parish	No. of Houses	(est.)
Baschurch	223	701
Cockshutt	64	207
Ellesmere Rural	421	1,464
Great Ness	98	341
Hordley	12	40
Little Ness	40	136
Myddle	205	647
Petton	4	12
Welshampton	150	541
Totals	1,217	4,089

(2) By Standpipes.

Baschurch	6	20
Little Ness	1	4

Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Arrangements for these services are inadequate, there being no public sewer anywhere in the district. The Council's Engineer and Surveyor is preparing a scheme for Cockshutt and the Consultant Engineers have been instructed to prepare schemes for Baschurch and Myddle.

Treatment plants provided for Council Houses continue to be emptied by purpose-made vehicles on hire.

Housing.

Number of houses inspected under Housing Acts and Public Health Acts	164
Number of notices served	41
Number remedied by informal action	41
Number of houses demolished	0
Number of houses closed	0

Slum Clearance.

This work continues to be restricted to individual unfit houses as there are no large areas of unfit houses.

There are 141 applications for Council Houses from persons living in the rural district and 58 applications from persons living elsewhere.

Work on erecting 78 new dwellings will be commenced during 1964 and when completed this should ease the housing problem, as, though there are many unfit houses still occupied, there is nowhere to rehouse the families if action is taken under the Housing Acts.

Many of the unfit properties are occupied by old people who pay very low rents and who are reluctant to move to new accommodation where they would have to pay rents considerably higher than they are at present paying. This is also the case with many of the younger families who, working in a mainly agricultural area, are paid considerably less than the national average wage.

Improvement Grant Scheme.

Since 1949 approval has been given for improvements to nearly 300 dwellings—this represents over 14% of all dwellings in the rural district.

Discretionary Grants.

The Council continues to encourage applications for Grant aid towards improving existing properties. The average cost per dwelling, including repairs and improvements, was £1,111.

21 applications were received and approved concerning 25 dwellings.

Standard Grants.

11 applications were received, 10 of which were approved.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

This service comprises a fortnightly collection of domestic refuse from all parishes and is operated by two driver/loaders and one vehicle.

Two refuse tips are operated but difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable tip sites which do not necessitate a long haul of the refuse.

Rodent Control and Pests Acts.

This work is carried out by a full time operator and consist mostly of contract work at agricultural premises. No charge is made for treatments to domestic premises.

Number of premises treated under Contract	50
Number of premises inspected	240
Number of premises infested	83
Number of premises treated by Council	83
Number of domestic premises treated (no charge)	17

Petroleum Spirit Licensing.

Number of licensed premises	59
Number of new licenses	3
Number of visits to premises	48
Number of licenses discontinued	1
Number of licenses refused	0

Meat Inspection and Slaughterhouses.

There are two Slaughterhouses in the District. One is a large factory abattoir which requires the full services of a meat inspector, who at times requires assistance. The other is a small Slaughterhouse run in conjunction with a country butchery business. This latter requires attendance twice weekly.

100% inspection of carcasses and offal is carried out.

Details of carcasses inspected and rejected appear on the attached table. Of special interest is the considerable decrease in the incidence of tuberculosis in cattle, almost all of the cases reported were reactor cattle or those sent for slaughter under the Tuberculosis Order.

The large number of carcasses condemned is accounted for by the fact that one slaughterhouse is a centre for casualties and reactors from a large part of Shropshire, Herefordshire, Cheshire and North Wales.

Since the coming into operation of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, considerable overtime has been necessary on meat inspection.

Food Preparing Premises.

Number of food preparing premises	25
Number of inspections	67

Other Food Premises.

Number of premises	33
Number of inspections	78

Ice Cream Premises.

There are no manufacturers in the District and all ice cream sold is pre-packed.

Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning.

12 cases of Scarlet Fever were visited on behalf of the Medical Officer of Health. In addition, numerous visits were made to human contacts of transmissible animal diseases and specimens taken as necessary.

MEAT INSPECTION
CARCASSES INSPECTED and REJECTED

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	9,728	320	3,672	3,170
Number inspected	9,728	320	3,672	3,170
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS :				
Whole carcasses condemned	738	174	175	209
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6,176	16	1416	972
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	71.1%	59.4%	43.3%	37.15%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY :				
Whole carcasses condemned	7	2	0	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	63	0	0	174
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.72%	0.63%	0	5.6%
CYSTICERCOSIS:				
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	6	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by Refrigeration	6	0	0	0
Carcases totally condemned	0	0	0	0

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

RURAL DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	38	95	16	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	17	35	—	—
TOTAL ..	55	130	16	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	—	1	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	1	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	21	11	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	1	—	1	—	—
TOTAL ..	24	11	2	—	—

WEM RURAL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1963

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply.

The responsibility for water supply to the District was taken over by the newly-formed East Shropshire Water Board on 1st April, 1963.

Approximately 40% of the Wem Rural District is supplied with mains water from the following sources, which vary in quality :

Prees Waterworks (Prees Village)
 Higher Heath Waterworks (Higher Heath area of Prees Parish)
 Acton Reynald Estate Supply (Preston Brockhurst and Grinshill)
 Duchy of Lancaster Estate Supply (Ash Village in Whitchurch Rural Parish)
 Meadowfield Farm Supply (Clive Village)
 Hardwick Estate Supply (Hadnall, Sansaw and Grinshill)
 Harcourt Estate Supply (Stanton Village)
 Shawbury Supply (Shawbury Village)
 Hadnall Supply (Hadnall Village)
 Burlton Supply (Burlton Village)
 Weston Supply (Part of Weston Parish)
 Former Wem U.D. Supply (Hamlets of Aston, Barkers Green and Tilley in Wem Rural Parish ; Bridleway Gate in Moreton Corbet Parish)

A water scheme for Loppington Village is now awaiting Ministry approval.

The following bacteriological samples were taken from piped supplies to villages :

		No. of Coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli per 100 ml. Present
Harcourt	11.2.63	5	0
Prees	21.5.63	0	0
Meadowfield	22.5.63	0	0
Hardwick	22.5.63	25	0
Duchy of Lancaster	2.10.63	2	0
Higher Heath	2.10.63	0	0
Duchy of Lancaster	15.10.63	2	0
Duchy of Lancaster	15.10.63	16	0
Harcourt	2.12.63	2	0
Acton Reynald	2.12.63	3	0
Meadowfield	10.12.63	1	0
Hardwick	30.12.63	0	0

The remaining 60% of the area is supplied from private bores or shallow wells. 102 bacteriological samples were taken from such sources during the year, and of these 42 proved to be satisfactory and 60 unsatisfactory. 17 chemical samples were taken from private bores and wells during 1963.

Swimming Baths.

The two open-air swimming pools in the district are situated at Prees Heath and Weston. In each case the water is supplied by a bore and is regularly chlorinated and changed at weekly intervals. The two samples taken proved to be satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The only public sewer in the district is at Higher Heath, Prees, but the Prees Village sewerage scheme was started in July and at the time of writing is ahead of schedule. The Hadnall scheme should commence shortly and further plans have been prepared for the sewerage of Ash, Prees Heath, Tilstock, Clive, Yorton, Grinshill, Preston Brockhurst and Loppington.

Public Conveniences.

There is still no public convenience in the area, but work will begin shortly on a convenience at Prees Heath.

Housing.

A housing survey of the whole Rural District is being carried out by Mr. W. H. Purslow, retired Chief Public Health Inspector, Atcham R.D.C. When this work is complete, it will provide an accurate picture of the housing situation. From the figures obtained so far, it appears that a high percentage of the properties are in need of reconditioning and relatively few are beyond redemption. In many parishes the lack of a wholesome water supply has prevented the operation of the Improvement Grant Scheme.

With the exception of one hutment, the Anglo-Polish temporary site at Higher Heath have been cleared and the occupants housed by the Council. 8 Demolition Orders and 1 Closing Order were made during 1963 and undertakings were accepted in respect of 3 other properties.

18 houses were built by private enterprise during the year and a further 84 are under construction.

Improvement Grant Scheme.

	Received	Approved	Rejected
Discretionary Grants :			
Number of applications	27	27	0
Number of dwellings	32	32	0
Standard Grants	19	19	0

Moveable Dwellings.

Number of site licenses at the end of 1963	21
Number of inspections	38

Food.**Food Preparing Premises.**

Number of food preparing premises	22
Number of inspections	47

Other Food Premises.

Number of premises	29
Number of inspections	34

Disposal of Condemned Food.

The small amount of food condemned was disposed of at the Council's tip.

Ice Cream.

All ice cream sold is pre-packed. 16 visits were made in connection with the sale of ice cream.

Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspection.

One slaughterhouse and one slaughterman were licensed at the end of 1963. 43 visits were made to the slaughterhouse and 3 butchers shops in the district. One butchers shop was closed during the year.

During holiday periods Mr. W. H. Purslow, who is employed on the Housing Survey, carried out the duties of meat inspection, and I am extremely grateful for his assistance.

Carcases Inspected	Cattle ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	75	—	1	290	133	—
Number inspected.....	75	—	1	290	133	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of number inspected infected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticercosis	1.33	—	—	—	0.75	—
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis Cysticercosis	—	—	—	—	0.75	—

19 lbs. of meat and 2 lbs. of offal were condemned.

Food condemned during the year (excluding meat condemned at slaughterhouses).

Tins	Jars
Meat 11 lbs. 6 oz.	Cream 28 fl. oz.
Fruit 2 lbs. 9 oz.	
Fish 7¾ oz.	
Vegetables 10 oz.	
Cream 1 lb. 8 oz.	

Infectious Diseases.

A total of 42 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases.

Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

Nuisances.

94 visits were made in connection with nuisances or alleged nuisances. It was found necessary to serve two formal notices in order to secure abatement of two drainage nuisances.

Verminous Premises.

2 properties were reported to be verminous and disinfestation was satisfactorily carried out.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Refuse Collection.

The collection is by contract, some 2,700 properties being served fortnightly. The number of properties was increased slightly during the year. The tip at Grinshill is now almost full, and the use of two tipping areas at Northwood and Sleaf has been obtained.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following is a summary of the work carried out under this Act by all members of the staff.

Annual Contracts	55
Single Treatments	3
Domestic Premises treated (free of charge)	37
Number of properties inspected	1,471
(a) Council properties	25
(b) Dwelling houses	241
(c) Agricultural premises	862
(d) Other premises, including business and industrial	343
Number of properties found to be infested with rats	407
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	0
Number of properties cleared of rats	315
Number of premises where rodent control was in progress by the occupiers at the end of the year	92

Mr. Brayne, our rodent operator, is again to be commended on the efficient way in which he has carried out his duties.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

RURAL DISTRICT OF WEM IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

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Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	27	45	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	6	5	—	—
TOTAL ..	34	51	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	1	1	—	—	—



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